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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A listing of the claims presented in this patent application appears below. This listing replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in this patent application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): An automated teller machine for performing a cash transaction, comprising:

a currency deposit/withdraw port for depositing/withdrawing a currency;

a discriminating unit for discriminating a currency;

a plurality of cassettes ~~easette~~ each thereof detachably mounted with respect to said automated teller machine[[,]] and for storing therein a currency, with the currency being transferred between a cassette and the currency deposit/withdrawal port via the discriminating unit; and

a control unit for storing therein operation information used to operate said automated teller machine in correspondence with a money sort of the currency stored in said cassette which is set to said automated teller machine, and for performing a control operation based upon said stored operation information, said stored operation information contains discrimination information indicative of a range of a currency which is discriminated by said discriminating unit

wherein said control unit acquires money sort information from cassette information set which to said automated teller machine, and judges as to whether said money sort information of the acquired cassette information is located within a range of said discrimination information.

Claim 2 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 1 wherein: said control unit sets, or changes said operation information stored in said control unit.

Claim 3 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 2 wherein:

said automated teller machine is further comprised of:

a staff member panel for display thereon, which is operated by a staff member; and

said control unit sets, or changes said operation information by using said staff member panel.

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Claim 4 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 1 wherein:

said control unit acquires cassette information from said cassette which is set to said automated teller machine, and judges as to whether or not said acquired cassette information is suitable for said stored operation information.

Claim 5 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 4 wherein:

said control unit continuously performs the operation of said automated teller machine in the case that the judgment result is suitable for said operation information.

Claim 6 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 4 wherein:

in the case that the judgment result is not suitable for said operation information, said control unit notifies such a fact that said judgment result is not suitable for said operation information.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 7 wherein:

said control unit operates said automated teller apparatus based upon said money sort information of the operation information when it is so judged that said money sort information of said acquired cassette information is made coincident with said money sort information of the previously stored operation information.

Claim 9 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 7 wherein:

said automated teller machine is further comprised of: a staff member panel for displaying thereon, which is operated by a staff member; and

when it is so judged that said money sort information of said acquired cassette information is not made coincident with said money sort information of the previously stored operation information, said control unit displays said a fact of "noncoincidence" on said staff member panel.

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Claim 10 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 1 wherein:

said stored operation information contains sort information of said cassette, which indicates as to whether or not said cassette exclusively stores thereinto a currency deposited from said currency deposit/withdraw port, whether or not said cassette exclusively stores thereinto a currency withdrawn from said currency deposit/withdraw port, or whether or not said cassette stores thereinto currencies which are deposited and withdrawn from said currency deposit/ withdraw port; and

said control unit acquires such information corresponding to said sort information of said cassette, which is contained in said stored operation information, from said cassette set into said automated teller machine, and also judges as to whether or not the operation is properly carried out based upon said acquired information.

Claim 11 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 1 wherein:

said stored operation information contains information related to a country which issues a currency; and

said control unit acquires such information corresponding to the country information of said stored operation information from said cassette set to said automated teller machine, and judges as to whether or not the operation is suitable based upon the acquired information.

Claim 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 1 wherein:

said control unit continuously monitors, or monitors in a constant time interval the information related to said cassette set to said automated teller machine.

Claim 14 (currently amended): An automatic teller machine equipped with a currency deposit/withdraw mechanism for depositing/withdrawing a currency, comprising:

a main body control unit for controlling said automatic teller machine; wherein:

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said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism includes a currency deposit/withdraw port for depositing/withdrawing the currency; a discriminating unit for discriminating the currency